PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Osamu TAJIMA

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

(§ 371 of international application No. PCT/JP01/06792)

Filed: March 28, 2002

For: FULL CELL APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

March 28, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) The fuel cell apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the water to be supplied to the washing liquid tank using water as the washing liquid, is a treated water.

REMARKS

The above amendment is believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.

Early and favorable action is awaited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the event there are any additional fees required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) The fuel cell apparatus according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] <u>claim 1 or 2</u>, wherein the water to be supplied to the washing liquid tank using water as the washing liquid, is a treated water.